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Nature is not just random chaos but order as well, urban beekeepers learn from insects, as master pollinators help home gardens flourish in Bengaluru

THE SWEET SPOT

'Hives low maintenance, benefits innumerable'

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Protecting the bee population, growing food organically or preserving biodiversity — of the aforementioned, many in Bengaluru have taken up urban beekeeping for various reasons.

Citizens are installing hives in terrace gardens and backyards. There is a marked revival of the interest in beekeeping owing to the goodness these insects bring to the ecosystem; it is not only about harvesting honey, as BM found out.

Sanjeev Jagan Mohan, an IT professional living in the city, is one such bee lover with a buzzing hobby. According to Sanjeev, beekeeping not only just reconnects you with nature but also ensures that this valuable pollinator flourishes in the ecosystem.

"I got one bee box a few years ago. The idea was to save honey bees and give them some space in the city to thrive. Moreover, people nowadays prefer to eat locally and organically produced food. A bee box installed in your vegetable garden does all of it and much more," said Sanjeev.

While some have installed beehives in their backyard garden, many are putting up the boxes in places that are far from traditional bee habitat.

"I got two honey bee boxes around two years ago. I have installed them in my terrace garden on the 13th floor. My garden has around 300 plants. With the bees around, I am getting a taste of what it's like to form a partnership with nature. Honey bees are the essence of our ecosystem. I wanted to give them some space in my garden too," said Aruna Das, a software engineer and a resident of RR Nagar.

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— Aruna Das, software engineer, RR Nagar resident

Fish out of water

'Fish dying due to reduced dissolved oxygen levels in lake water'

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Dead fish were seen floating on the surface of Kothnur Lake. The 19-acre lake is situated in JP Nagar 8th Phase. Residents pointed to raw sewage flowing into the lake as the key reason for fish deaths.

"After raw sewage entered the lake, small fish started dying. Large fish were found gasping for air. The fish are dying due to reduced dissolved oxygen (DO) levels in the water," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, lake conservationist and programme manager at ActionAid.

According to Pachhapur, after the lake was handed over to BBMP, very little work has been implemented. "Almost five years ago, desilting was performed and a walking path was constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 1 crore. Lake water quality has been substantially good throughout the whole of last year, except for one month when it had been categorised under category E as per CPCB guidelines," he added.

"On March 8, raw sewage was visible on the roads nearby and now it has entered

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Music in the air

Your Sunday may just get special as RS Connect brings to you 'Celebrating Instrumental Music' by eminent musicians Vaibhav Ramani and Kaushik Sridhar.
When: April 3; 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm; Where: Ranga Shankara; Ticket: 080 2649 3982

02 Artsy month

Inspired by Sri Lankan architecture and Geoffrey Bawa's design philosophy, MAYA, India's first slow living restaurant and art gallery is presenting "Susegad" a collection of Abstract Paintings by Darpan Kaur, curated by Samira Sheth. **When: April 1-30; 12-11 pm**
Where: MAYA, Jayanagar
Ticket: +91 7483871410 / +91 9731755535

03 Music and mart

Bangalore Creative Circus' curated group of farmers and producers will be selling organic fruits and vegetables at Farmers Mart. The market is organised on the first Sunday of every month. There will also be an exciting lineup of performances and workshops.
When: April 3; 10 am-3 pm
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus

Festive ready
The city gears up for their much-awaited Ugadi habba on Friday. Citizens thronged flower, fruit and vegetable markets across Bengaluru. BBMP union members celebrated Ugadi by distributing baghani, a traditional gift, to 100 transgender community members.

A fine balancing act in BBMP's sunset budget

No fund for new development works; BBMP aims at managing existing ones

Even during the last two years when covid cases were rising in the city, the BBMP had presented its budget during the day. However, this time, the BBMP presented the budget during late evening on the last day of the financial year. Sources said that BBMP presented the budget in Vidhana Soudha at 8 pm on Thursday. The budget copy was uploaded on the website at 11.25 pm.

The total allotted fund was Rs 10,480.93 crore after the civic agency expected Rs 10.484.28 crore revenue in the next fiscal. This is the first time the budget copy was uploaded on the website for presenting it publicly. The Special Commissioner of Finance department Tulasi Maddineni presented this budget, which excluded the projects taken up by State and Central governments. The budget does not reserve the funds for new development works, but it is focused on managing the pending ones.

BBMP officials decided to present the budget on March 30 by expecting Rs 4,544.33 crore revenue estimation and limited the budget size to Rs 9,500 crore. But, some of the ministers and legislators wanted to allot more funds for their constituencies. On Thursday, Administrative Officer Rakesh Singh and Chief Commissioner Gourav Gupta met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and discussed the issue. The CM suggested some modifications, accordingly changes were made and were approved by the administrative officer.

Since September 10, 2020, BBMP is ruled by the officials. As per the BBMP Act-2020 budget must be approved three weeks before the ending of the financial year. Before March 31 every year, it must take approval from the Government for the budget proposal. That is why the BBMP took budget approval in an emergency. In the year 2021-22, Rs 9,286.80 crore budget was sent to the Urban Development department for approval. Usually, the department was reducing the budget size, but it was later increased to Rs 9,951.80 crore.

To bring financial discipline in BBMP, the Government implemented Fiscal Responsibility Act on March 10 for making a budget based on revenue receipts. But the budget allotted is beyond actual calculations and it is not compatible with Fiscal rules. The BBMP is expecting revenue of Rs 3,680.15 crore for tax and cess and Rs 2,302.23 crore from other sources. Like every year, this year also BBMP is dependent on government funds. **— Prakash VL**

The management of burial grounds and electric crematoriums was one of the assignments included in the BBMP budget that was presented on Thursday evening

Important points discussed

Managing drainage water processing units and lakes	₹28.18 crore
Managing arterial and sub-arterial roads	₹86.83 crore
Changing damaged street lights and other expenses	₹82.11 crore
Water supply management and repairs	₹57.04 crore
Managing Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose building	₹1.11 crore
Managing Puttanna Chetty Town Hall	₹50 lakh
Managing BBMP buildings in Jayanagar	₹1.99 crore
Managing markets and other repairs	₹8.93 crore
Managing school and college buildings	₹10.59 crore
Managing burial grounds and repairing electric crematoriums	₹4.04 crore
Rainwater harvesting in BBMP buildings	₹1 crore

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They take saw to the branch they are sitting on

Activists say chopping of branches at sparsely green Chunchaghatta Lake is problematic during nesting season for water body's bird population

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The large branches of the tree by the lake's fence were found right next to it. Activists don't understand why anyone would need to chop the branches of the tree

Lake activists are fuming due to the trimming of some tree branches adjacent to Chuchaghatta Lake. Trees around the lake form the nesting ground for many birds, it is said. The incident occurred a few days ago when a handful of miscreants reportedly cut the branches of a tree in the wetland.

The chopped branches have been left at the bottom of the tree. Activists asked why the branches in a sparse stretch of trees in the wetland need to be chopped off. "We monitor the lake regularly to assess any pollutants entering the lake. We check water quality, development of bird ecosystem, violations, etc. We have noticed that vegetation is poor in this particular lake and have been notifying BBMP about it. A few days ago, on my monitoring rounds, I noticed big branches of a tree had been cut off," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, lake conservationist and programme manager at ActionAid Association.

> **"There are hardly any trees around... (The tree) is among a few spots for birds**
> – RB Pachhapur, lake conservationist

The incident was brought to the attention of the lake department and the ward committee immediately.

The branches of this tree near the lake's fence were extending onto the adjacent road. According to lake activists, the branches were chopped off in the nighttime.

To find a permanent stop to the problem, lake activists want to escalate the matter and file an FIR against the miscreants. In a bid to find the identity of the miscreants, BBMP lake guard head Shivraj tried to get CCTV footage from a nearby factory. He was denied a copy of the footage as those in charge said the cameras don't operate at night.

"There are hardly any trees around the lake and it's one of the few spots for birds to perch on branches and build nests. Some birds tend to sit on the trees alone and don't venture into the water. The nesting season is going on and this is a cause for a huge disturbance for the birds," Pachhapur said. AEE Nitya told BM, "The act was committed at night in the absence of the home guard. We have informed the local police. Since the act was committed at night, they will be doing a couple of rounds every day."

The 22-acre Chunchagatta Lake is home to many birds.

"In the northern and southern parts of the lake, there is bushy vegetation. The area is visited by smaller birds like Sunbirds, Barn Swallows, Pied Bush Chat, etc.," said Pachhapur.

Revived in 2018 by BBMP using around Rs 3 crore, the lake is home to hundreds of birds like Marsh Harrier, Grey Heron, Egret, Eurasian Coot, Pond Heron, Grey-headed Swamphen, Cormorant and Little Grebe too. In 2021, the revived lake was in danger of becoming contaminated due to incoming sewage.

Telangana minister takes dig at B'luru infrastructure

Rao urges IT companies to pack bags, take businesses to Hyderabad instead, claiming it has better resources

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The informational technology and industries minister implied Bengaluru has traffic problems that Hyderabad doesn't

The Bengaluru versus Hyderabad 'infra war' has taken a new turn. Telangana minister KT Rama Rao asked IT companies to move to Hyderabad. "Pack your bags and move to Hyderabad," advised the information technology and industries minister to a startup founder who highlighted the poor infrastructure in Bengaluru.

"We have better physical infrastructure... and equally good social infrastructure. Our airport is one of the best... More importantly, our government's focus is on the 'three I mantra': innovation, infrastructure &amp and inclusive growth,"

> **"Today, many rural areas have better basic infrastructure than India's Silicon Valley, Bengaluru**
> – Ravish Naresh, founder, Khatabook

he wrote on Twitter. This was in response to a Tweet posted by Khatabook founder Ravish Naresh, who flagged bad roads, power cuts, poor quality water supply and other problems in Bengaluru. "Startups in HSR/Koramangala (India's Silicon Valley) are already generating billions in taxes. Yet we have very bad roads, almost daily power cuts, poor quality water supply, unusable foot paths. Many rural areas now have better basic infrastructure than India's Silicon Valley," Naresh had written on Twitter. "Also the nearest airport is three hours away in peak traffic," added Naresh tagging prime minister Narendra Modi and Tejasvi Surya. Many Twitter users urged Naresh to look at Hyderabad which has the best infrastructure, including uninterrupted power supply to all sectors. Some netizens also commented that the focus of Karnataka is on non-issues.

"Sadly, the focus is on Hijab and removing muslim vendors near temples. Karnataka, slowly but surely, is turning into the Uttar Pradesh of the South," wrote a user who goes by the name Anshil.

(with inputs from agencies)

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Smooth as silk, this Ugadi

Tips on how to take care of your favourite festive textile

We know the festive season loves silk and the lure of this dreamy textile is too much for even the best of us to resist. So while you will be busy shopping this festive season for silk and also bringing out your best silks to don for family outings, do take some time out to understand how to care for silk so that your favourite garments can last longer.

Cleaning

Always check the label on your outfits which gives instructions on cleaning. Most pure silk sarees have these labels. Most will indicate that they must be dry-cleaned only -- in that case you don't have to think too much. It is better to dry clean these outfits. At most if you are washing them at home, make sure it is a gentle hand wash, better to avoid the machine. If you are washing the outfit with water, do a dye check with a small spot of the outfit. If the colour is coming off, then you must give it to dry clean only and avoid using water. If you are washing the clothes at home, make sure you dry it away from direct sunlight as it is not good to expose silks to harsh sun.

No sweat

Okay, if you are wearing silk blouses/shirts/kurtas it is better to invest in sweat pads as sweat is highly likely to change the colour of the fabric and there is no way to get the stain out. The only way to get the stain out involves chemicals or vinegar and baking soda which all can prove to be a bit too harsh for the fine silk. So do wear sweat pads to avoid staining.

Well-ironed

Guys, we are sure the thought of ironing your delicate silks gives you the shivers. But worry not, steam irons are safe to use on silk garments. Use the lowest heat setting or you can use the setting in the iron box for silk, if it has one. If not, keep the heat low always and you can also use a paper or another cloth to press over the silk outfit that you are ironing.

Store it right

Silk garments need special care while they are stored. You can fold it in another cloth to store it. Make sure you take it out periodically and change the folds so that it doesn't get weak or tear at the folds. You will also need to keep it well away from sunlight so keep it in a dark and cool cupboard. If you are hanging these clothes, then too you must take them out once in a while and refold them and ensure there is not much friction with other clothes in the wardrobe.

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Mysuru Zoo's animals are taking a chill pill

With temperatures soaring, zoo officials are pulling out all stops to keep animals cool

Shower baths for elephants, sprinklers for giraffes, artificial rain for lions and leopards, and an ice bath for Himalayan bears. With Karnataka in the throes of summer, animals in the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru, are feeling the heat too, and need to chill, quite literally.

The summer is not only affecting humans, but animals too. The administrators of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens are trying to keep the animals cool with water sprinklers and other devices.

With the heat in Mysuru going up to 35 degree Celsius, the zoo's administrative officials are resorting to steps like spraying water on places where the animals reside to maintain the cool temperature.

The heat is so sweltering that officials have also fixed sprinklers in each of the animal's cages. It is no longer a luxury, but a necessity. A special shower has been built for elephants, and they are enjoying it. Giraffes are also being treated with a special cooling bath.

According to officials, this will help the animals keep health issues at bay. This is also a fun activity for them as they like to splash about in the water and mud bath in the premises.

Not just water, the officials have changed the animals and birds' diet. The water content in the food has gone up, and chimpanzees in the zoo are being given two tender coconuts a day.

Himalayan bears are being supplied with ice cubes and fresh fruits and also electrolyte and glucose-mixed water. This food system will continue till the end of the summer season. Watermelon, citrus fruits, muskmelon, banana, orange, and other fruits are also being incorporated in their diet. The water sprinklers are also helping in reducing overall heat in the zoo area.

The President of the Zoo Authority of Karnataka, LR Mahadevaswamy, said, "The summer heat largely affects the animals. So, we have covered the cages of the animals with greenery to help keep it cool. We are also providing tender coconuts to all the animals." **— Prakash VL**

Mysuru Zoo: Looking back

Started in 1892, the Mysuru Zoo is one of the oldest zoos in the country and it currently houses endangered species. It also houses exotic animals from around the globe and promotes recreation of a natural habitat for captive animals.

In the initial years, the zoo was spread across 10.9 acres of area and then in 1907, an additional 6.22 acres was included. The zoo was named after its founder Chamarajendra Wadiyar. GH Krumbeigal, a German landscaper and a horticulturist was engaged in creating the beautiful and attractive landscape of the Mysuru Zoo.

Alopecia cases on the rise, say doctors

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Even though covid-19 cases are very low, the effects of the virus continue to impact people everywhere. Now, city doctors say that alopecia cases have risen during and after the pandemic, and more and more people were seeking treatment instead of waiting it out.

Alopecia is a disease that develops when the body's immune system attacks its own hair follicles, which can cause hair loss anywhere on the body. Many people develop alopecia areata which causes a round or oval bald patch on their scalp.

Bengaluru doctors also say that the number of cases has gone up.

Jada Pinkett Smith

"Alopecia totalis (a chronic condition of complete hair loss of the scalp) -- though rare -- is known to happen at any age group; I have come across a young software engineer who went into depression after Alopecia totalis," said Dr Shireen Furtado, Consultant, Medical & Cosmetic Dermatology, Aster CMI Hospital. She added that more and more people were seeking treatment.

With Jada Pinkett Smith being a greatly searched for topic after the recent slapping row at the Oscars, the spotlight has been turned on alopecia. Like Jada, Bollywood actress Sameera Reddy was diagnosed with alopecia areata in 2016, and she recently spoke about her story on social media.

BM HEALTH

Stress could be directly linked to the condition, feel doctors. According to Dr Rashmi Ravindra, Consultant, Dermatology & Cosmetology, Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road, post the second wave, about 60 – 70 per cent of the patients suffered severe hair fall within three months of being covid-positive which continued for six months.

"The main reason could be stress due to covid, job loss, covid deaths, improper sleep etc. It is crucial to reduce stress levels, ensure adequate nutrition and hydration," said Dr Ravindra.

But treatment options are there as well. Dr Srikanth V, Consultant, Plastic, Reconstructive & Cosmetic Surgery, Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road, pointed out that during the pandemic they performed non-surgical treatments like platelet-rich plasma which works well.

April 1 to be celebrated as Dasoha Dina: CM Bommai

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday announced that April 1 would be celebrated throughout the state as 'Dasoha Dina' (Commensality Day) and the mid-day meal programme would be named after Late Shivakumara Swamiji of Siddaganga Mutt here.

During the 115th birth anniversary celebration at the Siddaganga Mutt, the Chief Minister said, "We have decided to celebrate April 1 as Dasoha Dina. The mid-day meal programme will be named after Shivakumara Swamiji," in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Bommai added that the decision was taken in view of the immense contribution by the late pontiff of the Siddaganga Mutt in the areas of free food, education and shelter.

The Siddaganga Mutt is a prominent Lingayat mutt in Karnataka's Tumakuru district where the late pontiff is highly revered.

"The Swamiji had served the Mutt for over 98 years and carried out 'Trividha Dasoha' (serving in three areas) of 'Anna, Akshara, Ashraya' (food, education and shelter), which no one can ever imagine," Bommai said.

The Chief Minister also said that the government has decided to tread the path shown by the seer by focusing on food for all, health and education.

Besides Shah, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, and some ministers in the Karnataka government including Home Minister Araga Jnanendra attended the event.

Shivakumara Swamiji, who passed away at the age of 111 in 2019, was referred to as the 'Walking God', and had turned his Ashram into a mega educational institution for a large number of students from weaker sections from across Karnataka who were offered food and education free of cost.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visited the Mutt on Thursday. Assembly elections are due in Karnataka next year. **PTI**

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Left, right, and centre

What is considered a centre-right political position in Europe may appear centre-left in the United States. As the distinguished American linguist Noam Chomsky pointed out in a recent interview, senator Bernie Sanders who's viewed as a leftist democrat in the US may be called a centrist elsewhere.

Angela Merkel who made Germany an economic powerhouse and future-proof, apart from assimilating refugees fleeing war-torn Middle East, is a centre-right politician, who recently handed over the reins to socialist Olaf Scholz.

Such is the dissonance of political rhetoric on both sides of the Atlantic. The dilemma of what constitutes political ideology in various societies has existed before the digital onslaught on democracy.

Post truth, post coronavirus and now with the Russia-Ukraine turmoil, it is almost impossible to glean political standpoints in the miasma of 'narratives', clouding and colouring our judgements just as one could not place Hollywood actor Will Smith slapping comedian Chris Rock was staged or real at the 94th Oscars. It was, however, a candid display of the untenable and miserable human condition.

You wonder what is the purpose of social or media messaging then. One would assume it is clarity — far from it, nevertheless.

For the first time it feels as though democracy is being devoured by the behemoth that it has become, left, right or centrist. This is that critical point where the global democratic order crumbles under its own weight, like a serpent swallowing its tail.

None seems to offer nuanced reportage of what's really going on. Even the oft-trusted media outlets reek of propaganda-driven blinkered journalism, which they claim to be 'independent'.

The foreign secretary and foreign minister of both the UK and Russia, Liz Truss and Sergei Lavrov, arriving in India at the same time last Thursday to lobby for their opposing political agendas signals the deteriorating global order that has pushed democratic discourse to a dangerous precipice.

India's saving grace, non-alignment, is a post-independence relic of a legacy akin to Tao Te Ching of Lao Tzu.

The odd and awkward position of the far-right government in the Russia-Ukraine policy whirlpool, now absurdly reminiscent of the erstwhile socialist stance, appearing to be standing up to global power centres, is the only takeaway in Indian foreign policy of late, though, no doubt the result of a series of accidents, immediate geopolitical considerations and plain chance.

What is intriguing about brewing global political posturing scurrying for support like Truss' and Lavrov's visits, is the nebulous nature of realpolitik: for instance, opposing politicians who never see eye to eye, seemingly coming together in a musical chair of sorts.

This essentially means the breakdown of democracy furthered only by a 24/7 media rant at the behest of political benefactors, which the majority cannot decipher or just drives many crazy, leading to knee-jerk reactionary responses.

The US by far is the biggest propaganda-peddler ever there was, toppling regimes and installing dummy governments — just look at Biden's comment on removing Putin which many politicians the world over instantly distanced themselves from. It is in the US' interest that the political vacuum perpetuated by pliant media and big tech sustains — a deal for American gas offered to Europe materialising in the meantime.

The extent of political tomfoolery has reached its zenith that it is so hard to gauge the ideology behind policy-making.

The only group that has strived to remain true to humane values and just political ethos is post-war Europe sans Britain, which, it appears, is not in the interest of big tech — reflected in a digital compliance law drafted by the EU just over a week ago.

Brexiteer Boris Johnson's 'saviour of Europe' pose on the Russia-Ukraine conundrum exposes the hypocrisy.

Neighbourhood skirmishes are what keeps countries in the grim-hold of the United States. It loves border disputes. India-Pakistan, India-China, the South China Sea, Russia and its European neighbours or Israel-Palestine, Iran-Saudi Arabia — are never ending issues that keep the US in a position to play the righteous guardian of democratic values at the same time benefiting arms manufacturers.

As far as neoliberal order is concerned, left, right and centre are just talking points for political skullduggery to keep the media busy; anchors/commentators tying themselves in knots, while the real pursuit remains absolutist power.

Take for instance, Keir Starmer of the Labour Party, the UK's leader of opposition. What a stark contrast from Jeremy Corbyn, the leader Starmer replaced. Corbyn was quite popular with the working classes. An antisemitism charge and a media trial were unleashed to dethrone Corbyn. Recently, the labour party reprimanded its own MPs for supporting the stop-the-war coalition in that country. The outfit seems to present itself as not-too-left to be successful in its pursuit of power.

So, what's left, right and centre today, you ask. In effect, a chase after unbridled power.

Ban no bar when netas flex muscles

Illegal flexes crop up every time political parties want them to, and BBMP finds it difficult to penalise culprits or even remove banners

Several banners had cropped up in city on Friday to announce VIP visits

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In the beginning of February, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta had issued strict instructions to all the zonal chief engineers to remove illegal flex banners and buntings within the BBMP limits. But these instructions are quick to be forgotten, especially when it has something to do with politicians. On many days, banners indicating this or that related to political leaders are seen but on Friday one could see large flexes and flags at MG Road, Palace Road, Cunningham and Queens Road as Karnataka was hotspot for national-level leaders.

A large number of flexes of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi were put up from the Cantonment station up to the Queen's Road on the occasion of his visit to Bengaluru. The flexes were of various sizes and included the images of other Congress leaders as well. Similarly, a large number of banners and flags were put up by BJP along the central business district welcoming Home Minister Amit Shah to Bengaluru.

While flexes and banners have been banned by the High Court of Karnataka in 2018, political representatives still continue to install them, and BBMP fails to take any action against them. Forget fining them, the banners are not even pulled down for days.

> **"BBMP needs to take action against political parties. The rules should be the same for all**
>
> –Activist

According to the BBMP Chief's order, teams led by chief engineers in all eight zones of BBMP should work towards the removal of illegal banners. Flex banners fixed to roadside electric poles and alongside private establishments or even houses are not allowed.

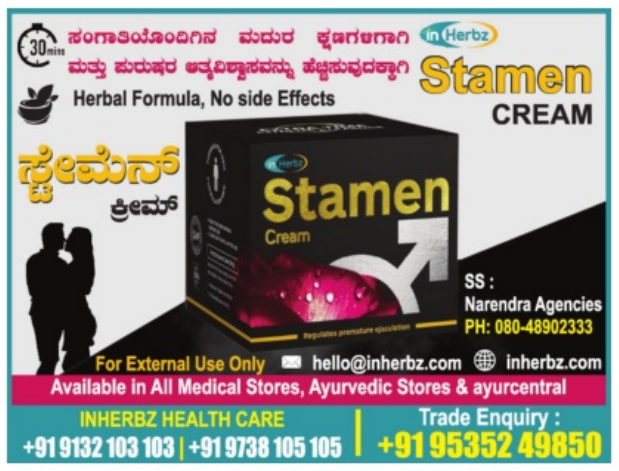
Recently over 1,000 banners were removed by the BBMP, but there has been no action to bring down politicians' banners.

An activist from Whitefield said, "BBMP needs to take action against the political parties for installing the banners. The rules should be the same for everyone and not just for business establishments who try to put up their advertisements. If the parties are fined, then even other citizens will be aware of the rules and not try to put up flexes. Imposing fines and filing FIRs in front of the public will call out irresponsible behaviour."

A realtor said if they put up flexes, it is pulled down immediately. "Same rule should apply to everyone. If FIR is filed against the political leaders there would be so many so far, but nobody bothers to take action," he said.

0 Covid death in State

For the first time since the beginning of the third wave, Karnataka reported zero Covid death on Friday. The cases have been consistently reducing with 62 patients testing positive for Covid on Friday. The test positivity rate is as low as 0.29 per cent. Bengaluru reported 48 fresh cases. Among the reported Covid cases, 71.5 per cent have the BA.2 straing, the variant which is causing a Covid surge elsewhere.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Ask any Bengalurean what is his/her most favourite evening snack or go-to comfort food, and the answer is most likely to be a steaming plate of masala puri.

This south Indian snack, popularly enjoyed in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and even parts of Tamil Nadu. A hot, soupy gravy, made up of crushed puris, and tamarind sauce, accompanied by sev, chopped chillies, bits of coriander, tomatoes, onions, and a generous sprinkling of chaat masala, chilli powder, and garam masala, made sweet or extra hot based on one's tastebuds, is a classic favourite. Like most streetfood goes, masala puri is an all-inclusive dish, enjoyed by the young and old, rich and poor, and privileged and unprivileged alike.

Officer-goers on their break, hungry schoolchildren on their way home, it is a common sight in nearly every winding alley of the city. A rainy evening or a bitterly cold night, masala puri is enjoyed at any point of time. According to common lore, masala puri is said to have originated in the state of Mysore, before it was christened as Karnataka. However, there is no known date for its origination.

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where Bengalureans speak their mind

What appeals to you most about Bengaluru's heritage?

Mohammed Faizen, engineering student

Karaga is the most famous festival of Bengaluru taking place for years. Sri Dharmaraya Swamy temple in Nagarathpet is the main spot for the festival and it is performed on a full moon day.

TN Shobha, administrative executive

Bengaluru is rich in its cultural values and the flowers and festive vibes can be seen around Malleswaram, and KR Puram which looks very colourful.

Alyza Ahmed, engineering student

For me, the city's heritage includes the many MNCs and start-ups that are being launched, along with those already present in Bengaluru. It is the main hub for all IT companies.

Anushka Joshi, journalism student

Bengaluru is known for its santhes (fairs) and festivals like Kadalekai Parishe that are held every year near the Dodda Ganesha Temple in Basavanagudi. There are numerous stalls for toys, food and a time of merriment for families and friends.

Anup Garg, engineer

Historical structures like the Bangalore Palace, natural sites like lakes – Bengaluru is known as the city of lakes after all – add to the city's charm and heritage. Its location as the hub of premier institutes and research organisations and finally, the greenery which adds to the city's value, these are also intrinsic aspects of Bengaluru's heritage which appeal to me.

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The road is uneven in height thanks to BBMP's incomplete work

Citizens hop, skip and jump in Kalasipalyam

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A simple activity like crossing a road is a Herculean task for the residents of Kalasipalyam Main Road. For them, it takes a hop, skip, and jump to traverse the bustling stretch. This is all due to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) incomplete roadwork that was started nearly a year ago. After tarring a part of it, the work was left unfinished, causing a number of problems.

The residents say that during the second lockdown last June, BBMP had started the roadwork. They had only cemented a part of the road and left the sidewalks untouched. This created a height difference between the road and the sidewalks.

As a result, now, if anyone is even slightly unmindful while commuting, he/she will suffer an accident. Abdul Gaffar, owner of Fashion Point, a shop situated on the road, said that a few days ago, a man was trying to pull a cart on the road; because of the height difference, the cart toppled, the man also fell and suffered serious injuries. "He was bleeding profusely."

Abdul also mentioned that the number of people visiting his store had gone down because of the uneven road. "People have to jump to cross the space and come to the shop. No one wants to go through so many hassles simply to visit a shop; hence, a lot of them simply stopped coming."

Another resident of the area lamented that the road had become risky for walking. Quite a number of old people and kids stay in the area, he said. "Because of the uneven road, they face a lot of difficulties walking. Because of the irresponsibility of the authorities, it is us who are suffering the most."

> **"People have stopped coming to my shop as they have to jump to cross the stretch** — Abdul Gaffar, shop-owner

The residents say that they have complained to the authorities and requested them to complete the work they had started. However, like always, no effort was taken by them. They even took the issue to the police, however, they could not provide them with any solution.

Another resident on the condition of anonymity added, "The road has become narrower because of which, there is a lot of traffic congestion. Two-wheelers and cars do not have the place to move."

No cruelty is allowed

Amid halal meat row, animal lovers recall government order against cruel techniques of killing animals

As per PCA rules, every slaughter-house shall provide a separate space for stunning of animals prior to slaughter

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Amid the escalating controversies in the State, now about shunning halal meat and even Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai calling upon his government to look into the 'serious objections' raised by Hindutva outfits, animal activists, animal lovers have approached the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) members and urged them for strict implementation of PCA rules.

A group of animal activists, on Friday, met with the Bangalore Urban District AHVS Deputy Director and SPCA Member Secretary Dr Umapathi and drew to his attention a Central government order dated March 23, 2001 stating that it is mandatory to stun an animal or a bird before it gets slaughtered as per PCA (Slaughter House) Rules 2001 section (6) subsection (4).

The government order states, "Every slaughterhouse, as soon as possible, shall provide a separate space for stunning of animals prior to slaughter, bleeding and dressing of the carcasses." Though this order was passed by the Centre in 2001, the concerned departments like animal husbandry division of the civic authority, State Animal Welfare Board, or the SPCA did not press on implementation of this rule that comes under the Prevention of Cruelty Act.

Although the rule existed in the Act and in books, it was neither followed nor any stakeholders made efforts to get it implemented and the conventional (old-crude) ways of killing and slaughter of animals and birds continued. "These rules were emulated into PCA after several debates, discussions and observations were made on the manners in which animals and birds were being slaughtered for meat. Be it 'Halal or Jhatka' way of killing, an animal or a bird meant for slaughter has to be stunned – meaning an electric shock has to be administered to the animal or the bird so that it is rendered unconscious after which it can be slaughtered," says animal activist Arun Prasad.

> **"By following PCA rules, the pain the animal undergoes will be lesser than that of the conventional method of slaughtering**
> – Arun Prasad, animal activist

By this way, the pain the animal undergoes would be comparatively lesser than that of the conventional method of slaughtering, he added. "It would be cruelty to animals or birds if they see their kind being slaughtered."

Soon after the activists brought this rule to the fore, member secretary Dr Umapathi, on Friday, issued circulars to all SPCAs in Bengaluru Urban District for following mandatory stunning of animals and making them unconscious before slaughtering as per PCA (Slaughter House) Rules 2001. Another activist said that the stunning equipment can be something like a taser gun that is used in the western countries to incapacitate even rogue humans when the police have to immobilise them. Taser gun incapacitates a living being by transmitting electric shocks into the body rendering it unconcious after a series of convulsive movements,they added.

Despite covid, HAL revenues touch record high

Public sector Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has reported its highest ever revenue of over Rs 24,000 crore (provisional and unaudited) for the financial year ending on March 31. Compared to the previous year's revenues of Rs 22,755 crore, the company has registered a 6 per cent revenue growth.

"Despite the challenges of the second wave of covid-19 during the first quarter of the year and the consequent production loss, the company could meet the targeted revenue growth with improved performance during the balance period of the year," said R Madhavan, CMD, HAL.

The second wave of covid-19 had compelled the company to declare a phased lockdown at various divisions during April and May 2021. The employees had put in additional hours in June and July 2021 to compensate for the loss of man hours due to the lockdown.

Further, based on the improved financial performance and cash flow position, the Credit Rating Agencies CARE Ratings and ICRA Limited have upgraded the Company's credit rating from AA+ Stable to AAA/Stable during the financial year.

HAL achieved record revenues through production of 44 new helicopters/aircraft, 84 new engines, overhauling 203 aircraft / helicopters and 478 engines, a statement from HAL noted. Recently, HAL has bagged a contract for production of 15 Light Combat Helicopters (LCH), 10 for IAF and five for the Indian Army at a cost of Rs 3,887 crore along with Infrastructure sanctions worth Rs 377 crore.

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What's the urban buzz?

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According to honey bee lovers, while the hives are low maintenance, benefits are innumerable.

"All one needs to do is keep an eye on the comb and open the box once a month to ensure that it is not infected. For instance, wax moths can be harmful to the hive. The moth lays eggs inside the comb and the larvae feed on it. However, in case the hive gets infected, all that is required is to remove the infected part," said Aruna.

For the majority of the beekeepers, the combs are self-sustaining and are turning out to be a low-cost method to increase the productivity of their home gardens. According to some, the yield has almost doubled.

"The majority of the vegetables and fruits that we consume come from our garden. Before I got the honey bee box, the fruits in my garden used to drop prematurely. I could harvest only 50% of what the garden should have ideally produced. This was also due to low pollination. Once I installed the box, things changed within three months. As the bee population grew, yield in my garden increased tremendously. The fruits and vegetables became bigger in size too. These intelligent creatures never cross-pollinated the plants and that ensured a higher yield," added Sanjeev.

Honey? No, thanks

When Aruna got home a box full

of Indian honeybees, she was informed about how this species works hard to create sweet nectar.

"I was told by bee experts that this particular species of honey bee likes nesting in cavities or inside the ground. Once they suck the nectar, they become heavy and thus prefer to use gravity to fly down to their nests. However, since they do not have convenient space left on the ground anymore, they construct nests on buildings. This is when I decided to never harvest the honey. I just want them to be a part of my terrace garden ecosystem and pollinate," said Aruna.

"The beehive has a calming effect. Just looking at the bees and the way they go about their day is like meditating. I have an eight-year-old son, and I educated him about the importance of honey bees through these boxes," added another city-based beekeeper.

Gen-next's fancy

It is not just the grown-ups who are appreciating nature's most efficient pollinators. The children are also willing to learn the ways of nature and are installing pollinator gardens. Aditya Desha Kulkarni, a 16-year-old beekeeper, handles two bee boxes in his terrace garden.

"I started terrace gardening during covid-19 lockdowns. My garden has over 40 fruiting and flowering plants. I grow cucumber, watermelon, ridge gourd, bottle gourd, brinjal and bitter gourd to mention a few. While I was interested in organic gardening, the yield from my garden was very low. That was when I got to know about honey bee pollination and its impact on flowers and fruits. The bees have improved the yield significantly," added Kulkarni.

For many, the activities of honey bees crawling around the comb and collecting pollen is a great vehicle to understand how nature is not just random chaos but order too.

For Teja Pragnya, a ten-year-old prospective beekeeper, watching honey bees at work is like magic.

"I visited a farm and got to know the importance of bees in pollination. We have a small backyard garden where we grow a few vegetables and have some flowering plants. I am looking forward to waiting for my bee box to arrive. I want to see honey bees pollinate and create the magic I had witnessed at the farm," said Teja.

Sewage enters Kothnur Lake

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the lake," noted Pachappur.

After residents complained about fish deaths in the lake, a BWSSB team rose to action and stopped the incoming sewage. "The sewage mainline runs beside the lake; it overflowed into the stormwater drain and entered the lake. Suction machines were deployed and desilting was done. This should ensure prevention of such scenarios in future," said BWSSB assistant executive engineer Raghavendra.

According to residents, this is the third such occurrence.

Now, residents are asking for a permanent solution. "We have been contacting the BWSSB for a permanent solution but we often get quick fixes. This is the third time it's happening after the BDA spent Rs 10 lakh toward reviving the waterbody 14 years ago," said Shiva Shankar, secretary, Kothnur Lake Development Association (KLDA).

Residents periodically undertake cleaning drives once every two months to ensure the lake is plastic-free. They have also planted 280 saplings around the lake and every day water the plants.

Lake activists and residents are demanding a mechanism to prevent such a scenario in the future. Co-founder of Friends of Lakes Ram Prasad said such a mechanism has existed for decades. "The lake inlets must have sluice gates. The water quality can be constantly monitored and sluice gates can be programmed to shut depending on the water quality. Currently, the system of sluice gates is not deployed in any of the lakes in Bengaluru. It has been deployed already in Powai Lake in Mumbai," said Prasad.

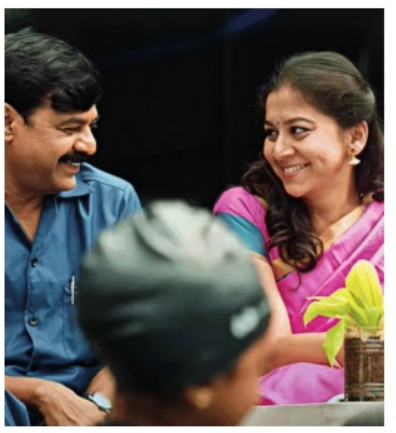
However, Prasad added that there could be multiple factors behind the reduction of DO in the lake water and does not necessarily need to originate due to incoming raw sewage alone. "Fish deaths occur due to reduced oxygen. There could be many parameters responsible. For example, phosphate in the lake could lead to the growth of algae, leading to the decline in DO," he added.

Change of plans: Trikona to hit the screens on April 8

The release of Kannada film Trikona has been pushed to April 8 from the originally planned April 1, due to non-availability of cinema halls, with big releases such as James and RRR continuing to rule theatres.

Trikona, a thriller which stars Suresh Heblikar, Achyuth Kumar, Lakshmi and Sudharani in lead roles, is directed by Chandrakantha.

Writer and producer Rajashekar says, "There are many Kannada films that are releasing on the same day, so we thought it is sensible to postpone the release as we want to reach out to many since we have the right content and all our efforts need to be rewarded. Interestingly, our film deals with the theme of patience which we are following now."



Director Chandrakanatha adds, "The film has out-of-the box content which made us wait."

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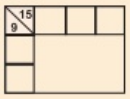
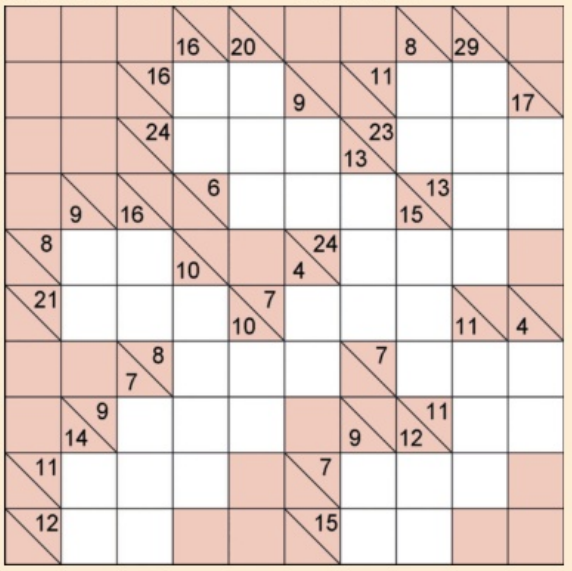
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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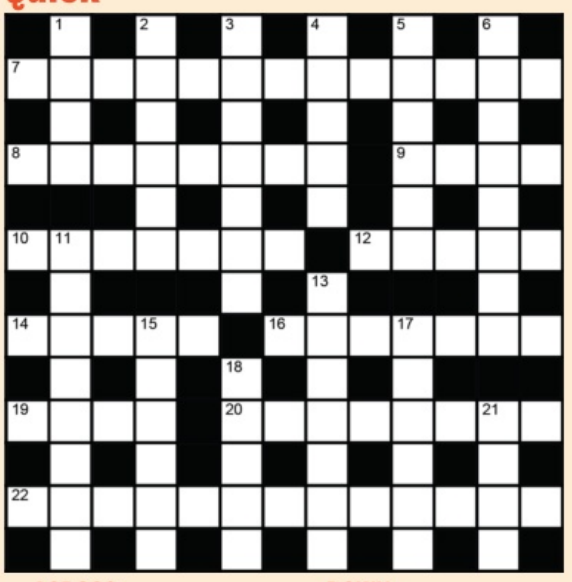


ACROSS

7 Gossiped; acted as a tale-bearer (6-7)
8 Ate greedily (8)
9 Endure (4)
10 Exciting or stirring, in a way? (7)
12 First name in Indian chess (5)
14 Keep or hide away (5)
16 iOS competitor (7)
19 Chicken curry native to Karnataka (4)
20 Arousing sympathy, moving to the feelings (8)
22 Goads, drives (6,3,4)

DOWN

1 Similar to, matching (4)
2 Backless seats (6)
3 Behaviour or direction? (7)
4 Father (5)
5 Taken illegally (6)
6 Capital of Finland (8)
11 Alfresco (8)
13 Penetration; discernment (7)
15 Sew together (6)
17 Fame (6)
18 A muscle contraction (5)
21 Metal spike (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS P

ZJYO TPUYPOY BPYT TPUY-HJKON NPPB, FVVSFAB! CPA ZKSS UFDY HZP VYPVSY JFVVC.

Linemaro

Talking to you takes my blues away

Mindchow

The difference between earning a good living and living a good life is enjoying what you do

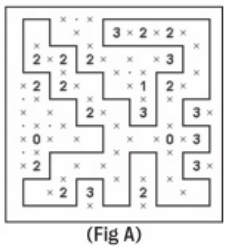
Joke of the day

Confucius did not say: Man who run in front of car get tired, man who run behind car get exhausted

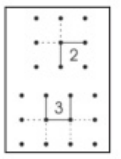
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

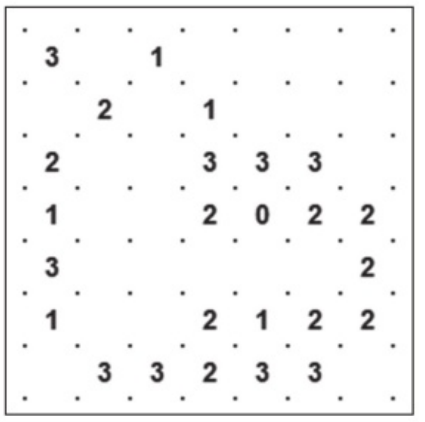


(Fig B) Not Allowed

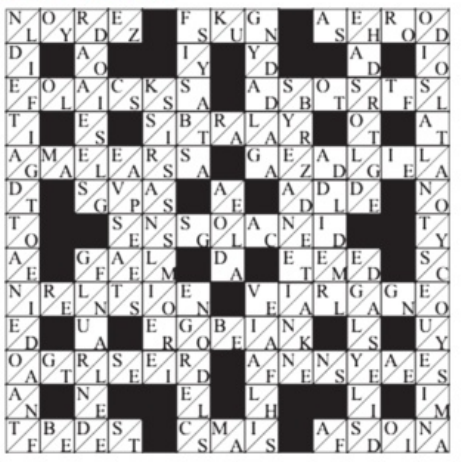
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



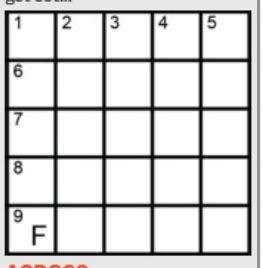
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set....



ACROSS

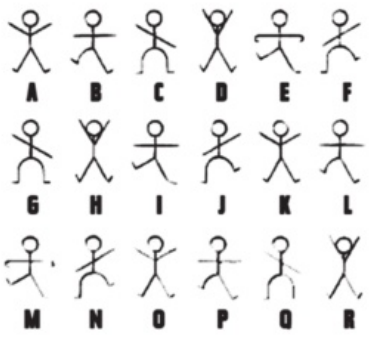
1 Pears; 6 Lamia;
7 Rigel; 8 Ale be;
9 Id Elf

DOWN

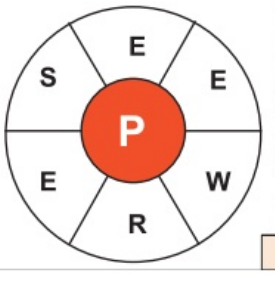
1 A flip; 2 Bail I;
3 Agree; 4 Mells;
5 A deer

Mensapuzzle

Which of these matchstick men is the odd man out?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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1		4			6	2	5	
6		2				7		1
		7	4		3		2	
2								3
	6		8		2	5		
9		1				8		2
	4	5	2			9		6
					4			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

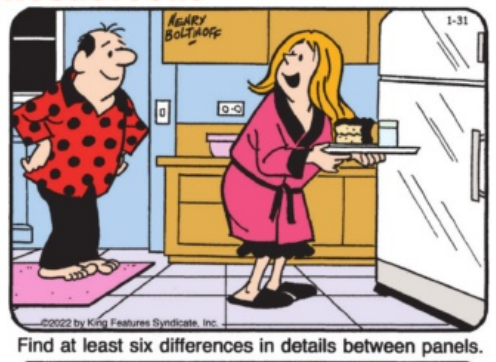
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 11
2 5 5 9

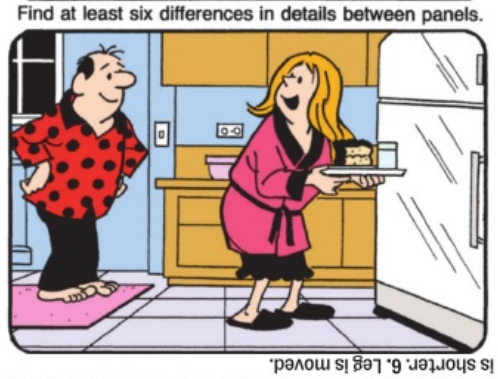
Medium = 10
2 3 5 9

Hard = 2
1 4 9 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



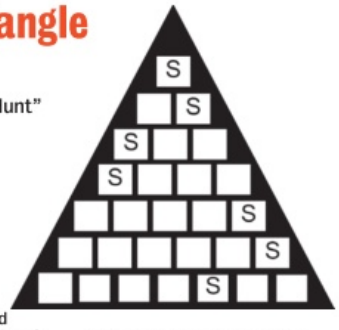
Differences: 1. Refrigerator handle is longer. 2. Tray is smaller. 3. Cake is reversed. 4. Window is different. 5. Robe is shorter. 6. Leg is moved.

Riddler

What stays hot even if we put in the refrigerator?

Alpha triangle

1 Curved letter
2 _ easy _ a pie
3 Lloyd Bridges in Hunt"
4 Enclose tightly
5 Arrangements
6 Implores
7 Passed, of time



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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Hart of the city

WELL, THE PAIN MEDS DO SAY YOU CAN TAKE THEM EVERY FOUR HOURS...
... I JUST DON'T WANT TO MAKE YOU A DRUG ADDICT WHILE YOU HEAL.
MOM... I MADE IT THROUGH GYM CLASS, DODGE BALL AND SQUARE DANCING... I CAN KEEP THE MONKEY OFF MY BACK.
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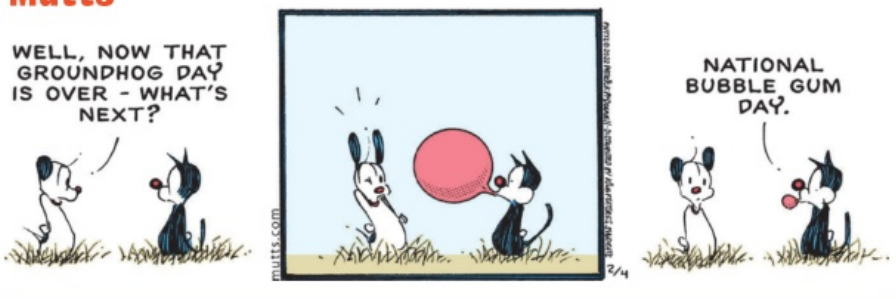

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, old health issues may resurface and make you upset. You may make some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. Think twice before making a decision. Do not keep money loose, or you may spend it on worthless stuff.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. This may make you happy. You may make good gains from past investments. You may be able to make quick decisions in terms of work. This may yield gains in the near future.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be busy at work. Your strong network may help you implement plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you to gain profits from past investments. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may boost harmony in your domestic life. Love birds may enjoy happy moments.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is over. With the help of blessings, you may receive reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of subordinates, you may be able to initiate postponed works. Some gains in your business may boost your finances.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel dull and have some health issues. Postpone investments in business. Do not start any new ventures. You are likely to face losses in business, even gains may convert to losses.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be enthusiastic. This may speed up your project. You may be able to make quick decisions and help grow your business. You may start a new innovation in a partnership. Investments in fixed assets with the business partner are not advised.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You are blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy and old health issues may get cured. An amount, which was stuck somewhere, may get recovered now. You may also apply for loans to buy luxurious stuff.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. This may give you confidence. You may be able to take important decisions confidently. You are decisive too and may grab an opportunity without a second thought. You will also plan for higher studies. You may meet intellectual people and exchange views with them.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be able to complete a task very easily. This may boost your confidence. Past investments may pay off well. Avoid arguments on worthless topics. You may waste precious time. Stop spending on worthless stuff.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel energetic and perform efficiently at work. Your hard work may pay off now and boost your confidence. Property disputes with siblings will get resolved now. A meeting with an influential person may boost your network.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon and may feel happy. You are likely receive a big order with the help of your communication skills. You are polite to the people around you, so it may develop your reputation. You may make some difficult decisions in business, with the help of your colleagues.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. It is a good day for you. You have good vitality and may enjoy at work. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make plans to start a new project. Your perfectionism may help you to design a flow chart. Job seekers will find suitable jobs. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

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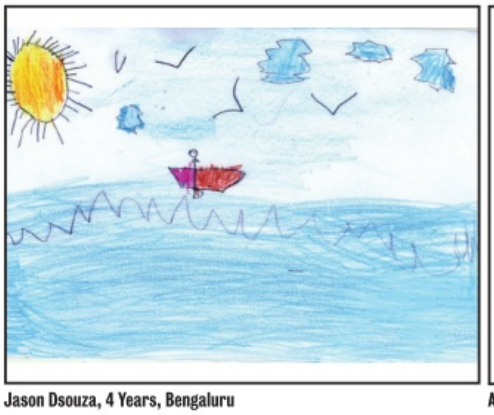

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When someone does something good, applaud! You will make two people happy.

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MENSA PUZZLE
I. This man has no hands, as seen on his counterpart – E and M.

SUDOKU

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3	4	5	2	7	8	9	1	6
8	2	6	1	9	4	3	7	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, As, Sea, Seal, Deals, Pleads, Elapsed.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 2 – 5 + 9 = 11
Medium
2 x 3 + 9 – 5 = 10
Hard
3 x 4 – 9 – 1 = 2

LOOP

KAKURO

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HEALTH TIP: Some research links red and processed meat to inflammation, which may increase arthritis symptoms

Garlic and onions are favoured by both professional and home cooks for their versatility and long shelf life

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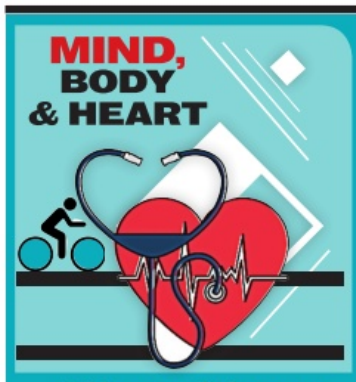

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman in my 30s with one son, and my husband is the main carer because I work long hours in a very demanding job, which I love.
It means I'm away a lot or back late - I'm always on the road - but I love coming home to the pair of them.
My issue is, I was using his laptop to search for holidays and there was a tab open from a website where married people hook up for sex or affairs. I was so shocked, but took a screen shot, so I could ask him about it after he'd put our son to bed.
That was three weeks ago and still haven't said anything to him. I love him and don't want our marriage to end, so I've been avoiding a confrontation. Help.

COLEEN SAYS

Well, if you're hoping I'm going to say forget about it and pretend you didn't see it, then you're going to be disappointed.
It doesn't mean he's hooked up with anyone on this site, but the intention is obviously there. I think you need to talk to him as soon as possible and hear what he has to say – my guess is, it'll open up a wider conversation about your relationship, or at least I hope it will.
It's not good enough for him to say, "I was just browsing", or, "it's just a fantasy". He was actively looking for something that he obviously feels is missing from your relationship.
I know it's hard to confront because you love him and want everything to be OK, but things aren't OK and the longer you ignore that, the harder it's going to be to repair what's broken.
You might not like what he has to say and it might be very painful, but ignoring what you've seen won't make it better.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

THONDEKAYI PALYA

A simple and easy stir-fry dish known for its crunchiness and crisp texture

INGREDIENTS

For masala paste
- coconut (grated): ¾ cup
- mustard: 1 tsp
- dried red chillies: 5

For tempering
- Oil: 3 tsp
- Mustard: ¾ tsp
- urad dal: 1 tsp
- chana dal: 1 tsp
- dried red chilli: 1
- curry leaves: Few
- thondekai: 3 cups
- cashew: ½ cup
- jaggery: 1 tsp
- turmeric: ½ tsp
- salt: 1 tsp • water: ¼ cup

Prep Time: 10 mins Cooking Time: 15 Serves 4

METHOD

- Prepare masala by taking coconut, mustard and dried red chillies, blend to form a coarse masala paste without adding any water in a large pan. Heat oil and temper mustard, urad dal, chana dal, 1 red chilli and few curry leaves. Add sliced thondekai, cashew and stir fry for a minute, further add jaggery, turmeric, salt and mix well, add water, cover and cook for 10 minutes on low to medium until it is cooked well yet retains its shape. Add in the prepared masala paste and mix well. Mix until the masala is coated well.

TO AUSPICIOUS BEGINNINGS

Celebrate Ugadi with these traditional recipes that are a must for the new year

MAVINAKAYI CHITRANNA

Mavinakayi chitranna or mango rice is a very tasty Karnataka-style authentic one-pot meal

INGREDIENTS
- cooked rice: 2 cups
- Mango (raw), grated: 1
- Black urad dal (split): 1/2 tsp
- Chana dal: 1 tsp
- Mustard seeds: 1/2 tsp
- Green chillies, slit: 2
- Curry leaves: 2 sprigs
- Turmeric powder: 1/4 tsp
- Asafoetida: 1/2 tsp
- Salt: to taste
- Coriander leaves, finely chopped: a small bunch
- Gingelly oil: 1 tbsp

METHOD

- Spread out the cooked rice on a wide plate and allow it to cool completely. This helps in ensuring the rice doesn't get soggy, sticky and clumpy. Next, heat gingelly oil in a heavy bottomed pan, add mustard seeds, channa dal, split urad dal and roast the dals on medium flame until the dals turn golden brown in colour. Once the dal turns golden brown, add in the curry leaves, asafetida, and slit green chilies, sauté for a few seconds until the aromas of the asafoetida and curry leaves come through. Add the grated raw mango, turmeric powder and sauté until the mangoes become a bit tender. This will take about 2 minutes to mangoes have softened, add the cooked rice, salt to taste and stir well to combine. After 2 to 3 minutes, stir in the chopped coriander leaves, mix it well and switch of the gas. Serve hot.

Prep Time: 15 mins Cooking Time: 20 Serves 2

By Chef Rohan Malwankar, Executive Chef, Courtyard By Marriott Bengaluru Hebbal

MANGALORE KADLE PAYASAM

An extremely popular south Indian dessert made with chana dal, jaggery and coconut milk

INGREDIENTS
- Ghee: 2 tsp
- chana dal: ½ cup
- water: 2 cups
- jaggery: ½ cup
- coconut milk (thick): ¾ cup
- cashew: 10
- raisins: 2 tbsp

METHOD

- In a pan, take 1 tsp ghee and chana dal. Make sure to rinse the dal well. Roast for 2 minutes or until it turns aromatic. Add 2 cups water and mix well. Cook for 20 minutes or until dal is softened. Add jaggery and mix well. Boil for 5 minutes or until jaggery is cooked well. Keeping the flame on low, add coconut milk and mix well until everything is well combined. In another pan, heat ghee and roast the cashewnuts and raisins until the nuts turn golden brown. Transfer the nuts to payasam and mix well.

Prep Time: 10 mins Cooking Time: 30 Serves 4